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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JUNE 23, 1998

APPLICATION OF

CENTRAL TELEPHONE COMPANY  
OF VIRGINIA

CASE NO. PUC980026

To implement extended local  
service From its Martinsville  
exchange to its Bachelors  
Hall exchange

FINAL ORDER

On March 17, 1998, the Central Telephone Company of Virginia ("Centel" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of Virginia Code § 56-484.2. Centel proposed to notify its Martinsville exchange subscribers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to extend their local service to include the Bachelors Hall exchange. The application states that telephone subscribers in the Bachelors Hall exchange petitioned the Commission for local calling to Martinsville. The subscribers of the Bachelors Hall exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay an increase for local calling to Martinsville. The majority of those responding supported the proposal. A poll of Martinsville subscribers was not required under § 56-484.2(A) of the Code of Virginia because the proposed

rate increase does not exceed 5% of the existing monthly one-party residential rate.

By order dated April 8, 1998, the Commission directed Centel to publish notice of the proposed increase. Affected telephone customers were given until June 8, 1998, to file comments or request a hearing on the proposal. No comments or requests for hearing were received. On May 21, 1998, Centel filed proof of notice as required by the Commission's April 8, 1998 Order.

On June 17, 1998, the Commission's Staff submitted its report regarding the Company's application. The Staff recommended that Centel's application to implement extended local service from its Martinsville exchange to its Bachelors Hall exchange be approved. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The proposed extension of local service from Centel's Martinsville exchange to its Bachelors Hall exchange shall be implemented.

(2) The Company shall implement the tariff revisions necessary for the proposed extension of local service.

(3) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this docket is closed and the papers filed herein shall be placed in the file for ended causes.